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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN,

Treasurer, Road Agent, and School Board,

OF THE

Town of Bridgewater

FOR THE

Year Ending February 15, 1901.

BRISTOL, N. H.:
By the Press of R. W. Musgrove.
1901.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The selectmen have received cash as follows: —

County support of paupers	$198 17
State railroad tax	35 96
Savings bank tax	271 31
Literary fund	32 50
Proportion of school fund	72 41
Bounty on grasshoppers	30 50
Total amount paid treasurer	$640 85

The selectmen have given orders on the treasurer amounting to $2,638 11

Paid:

State tax	$229 50
County tax	278 72
Schoolhouse tax	200 00
Library tax	16 20
Highway tax, A. W. Nichols agent	549 99

SCHOOLS.

S. S. Fletcher, school treasurer	$548 29
Werner School Book Co., books	19 11
Ginn & Co., "	6 79
Myrtie C. Palmer, school supplies	4 67
Frank H. Perkins, "	2 75
S. Ivanette Gray, "	5 00
	$586 61

BREAKING ROAD BILLS.

G. H. Wheeler	$9 48
J. H. Morrison	75
Fred R. Pillsbury	4 18
E. D. Morrill	1 02
Orrin S. Gray	5 70
F. H. Tilton	4 20
P. P. Sanborn	16 80
A. W. Nichols	13 56
E. P. Wiser	17 43
Oscar Sleeper	17 40
R. B. Gilpatric	39 24
B. T. Nichols	2 64
D. P. Pollard	11 50
S. C. Brown	2 40
G. B. Dolloff	9 54
L. D. Flanders	7 92
A. B. Dalton	1 77
F. M. Fogg	19 56
D. S. Batchelder	16 78
J. H. Fogg	6 54
F. H. Perkins	4 50
R. J. Pillsbury	2 23
D. C. Whittemore	5 46
S. S. Fletcher	11 34
H. W. Hammond	15 78
Eldorus Smith	11 70
David B. Clement	9 00
	$268 42

PAUPER BILLS.

J. H. Fogg, supplies for Aladoys Michlon	$6 36
M. C. Spaulding, attendance "	14 76
A. E. Porter, medicine for "	4 20
Morrill & Clay, supplies for "	12 00
J. M. Cheney, medical attendance Lucy B. Smith	10 00
Ashland Mercantile asssociation, supplies for Lucy B. Smith	3 00
Ira F. Blaisdell, support of George Gray, from Feb. 4, 1900, to April 30, 1900, 12 weeks	18 00
W. J. Ames, support of George Gray, from June 2, 1900, to Jan. 13, 1901, 32 weeks at $1.50 per week	48 00
Norman Wiser, support of Sally Heath, from Jan. 22, 1900, to Jan. 22, 1901, 52 weeks at $1.50 per week	78 00
	$194 32

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

L. B. Woodman, use of water tub 2 years	$5 00
R. W. Musgrove, printing reports	16 00
J. H. Fogg, bounty on grasshoppers	30 50
A. V. Doud, recording deaths	50
C. A. Smith, agent aid on private way	25 00
R. B. Gilpatric, overpaid on collector's account of 1899	2 26
Channing Bishop, return of births and deaths	50
J. E. S. Fifield, recording births, deaths and marriages and burial permits	4 30

R. S. Hastings, perambulating town line	$ 6 00
Selectmen's expenses	8 00
D. B. Clement, cash paid books and blanks	4 62
Postage and stationery	67
	$103 35

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS BILLS.

J. H. Morrison, clerk	$1 00
Myrtie C. Palmer, school board	16 25
F. H. Perkins, "	12 00
S. Ivanette Gray, "	12 50
S. S. Fletcher, treasurer	3 00
	$44 75

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

J. E. S. Fifield, town clerk	$12 00
G. H. Wheeler, supervisor	5 00
W. W. Gilpatric, "	3 75
S. S. Fletcher, "	4 50
C. H. Marston, collector	30 00
J. H. Clay, auditor 1900	1 00
S. S. Fletcher, treasurer	22 00
D. B. Clement, selectmen	40 00
D. C. Whittemore, "	23 00
A. H. Morrill, "	25 00
	$16 625

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of money received by treasurer		$3,490 88
Paid:		
State tax	$229 50	
County tax	278 72	
Schoolhouse tax	200 00	
Library tax	16 20	
Highway tax	549 99	
County paupers	194 32	
Winter road bills	268 42	
Miscellaneous bills	103 35	
Support of schools	586 61	
School district officers	44 75	
Town officers	166 25	
Cash in treasury	852 77	
		$3,490 88

LIST OF ABATEMENTS.

Taxes of 1899:

Norman B. Tobine	$2 26
Jessie Sanborn	1 74
Wm. A. Stall	1 74
Henry W. Mitchel	2 51
Belle M. Harriman	1 53
	$9 78

Taxes of 1900:

Leland B. Mitchel	$3 07
Claud R. Smith	2 44
Peter Thibdeau	74
John M. Phillips	56
A. J. Sanborn	1 85

Moses F. Morrill	$8 92
Henry W. Mitchel	2 07
Norman Wiser	22
Clara P. Fifield	24
G. A. Emerson	5 55
	$25 66

SETTLEMENT WITH COLLECTOR, 1899.

R. B. Gilpatric, collector 1899	Dr.	Cr.
To amount due on collector's book	$466 86	
By cash paid treasurer		$457 08
Abatements		9 78
	$466 86	$466 86

Settlement with collector 1900:

C. H. Marston, collector	Dr.	Cr.
To amount of tax list	$2,036 79	
By cash paid treasurer		$1,775 00
Abatements		25 66
		$1,800 66
Balance due		236 13
	$2,036 79	$2,036 79

Assets Feb. 15, 1901:

Due from C. H. Marston, collector 1900	$236 13
Due from county, support of paupers	31 50
Cash in treasury	852 77
Balance in favor of town	$1,120 40

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. CLEMENT,
D. C. WHITTEMORE,
A. H. MORRILL,
} Selectmen of Bridgewater

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash received of former treasurer		$550 15
	R. B. Gilpatpric, taxes 1899	459 34
	C. H. Marston, " 1900	1,775 00
	Town clerk, dog license	65 54
	Selectmen	640 85
		$3,490 88
Paid on selectmen's orders		2,638 11
	Balance in hands of treasurer	$852 77

TRUST FUND.

The Sylvester Cross fund, interest for care of the Webster and Cross burying grounds: $50 87

The Webster fund, interest for care of Webster burying ground $50 88

In Plymouth guaranty savings bank

S. S. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT.

Received of town treasurer on order of selectmen		$549 99
Paid as follows:		
L. B. Mitchell,	labor	$ 90
J. F. Moses,	"	1 50
F. H. Tilton,	"	4 80
Eldorus Smith,	"	4 50
G. B. Dolloff,	"	72
W. F. Morrill,	"	7 87
E. D. Morrill,	"	14 25
Burt Follansbee,	"	5 00
L. H. Nutting,	"	6 00
J. E. S. Fifield,	"	1 50
R. B. Gilgatric,	"	3 60
E. P. Wiser,	"	5 10
Norman Wiser,	"	1 50
D. P. Pollard,	"	1 50
J. H. Morrison,	"	4 10
Geo. W. Martin,	"	1 50
S. R. Glover,	"	87 00
H. H. Haney,	"	27 75
H. W. Mitchell,	"	3 00
J. H. Fogg,	"	7 64
O. A. Nichols,	"	40 00
H. H. Haney,	"	5 25
E. D. Morrill,	"	3 00
D. C. Whittemore,	"	5 75
Burt Follansbee,	"	1 00

Eldorus Smith, labor	$2 00
H. H. Haney, "	3 00
L. D. Flanders, "	14 31
H. W. Mitchell, "	5 00
O. A. Nichols	20 00
B. T. Nichols	6 00
O. Dolloff	2 10
D. T. Atwood	7 50
J. H. Morrison	1 05
F. D. Pillsbury	1 00
G. H. Wheeler	1 20
A. W. Nichols	157 75
S. I. Gray	70
O. D. Thompson, sewer pipe	17 16
J. F. Beede, for spikes	2 20
H. Fogg, blacksmithing	2 00
Hughes & Brown, powder and fuse	4 25
J. Hadlock, road machine repairs	75
Express	40
H. H. Shepard, bridge plank	31 79
A. H. Morrill, breaking road	1 44
F. D. Pillsbury	1 37
J. H. Goss	2 88
J. W. Stewart	1 44
J. H. Morrison	2 29
Robert W. Gilpatric	1 14
D. B. Clement	6 12
F. H. Tilton	6 26
Harris W. Hammond	2 16
	$549 99

ARTHUR W. NICHOLS, Road Agent.

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of selectmen, treasurer and road agent and find them correctly cast and vouchers thereto.

J. H. CLAY, Auditor.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Amount of money deposited in Plymouth Guarantee Savings bank	$69 11
Cash on hand	16 20
	$85 31

G. W. ATWOOD,
J. L. MORRISON,
S. S. FLETCHER,
} Library Trustees.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

This year finds us at the beginning of a new century and as we recall our own school days, we can see much improvement in educational lines; but we are sorry to say our town does not give the school privileges to our pupils, as do the surrounding towns.

This fall there were so few pupils in District No. 1 we thought it would be better to have them conveyed to District No. 2. By so doing we were able to have the twenty weeks of schooling required by law, in all the schools.

State Superintendent Folsom came up last fall to investigate the school matters of this town and to see if we were entitled to state aid; just here we will copy this clause relating to aid, as the school laws may not be in the hands of all our towns-people.

CHAPTER 77, SESSION LAWS OF 1899.

An act to equalize the school privileges of the cities and towns of the state.

SECTION 6. The sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) shall be appropriated annually from the state treasury for the purposes of this act. Twenty-five per cent. of the entire appropriation shall be set apart each year to carry into effect section three of this act Any portion of the sum so set apart and not expended as aforesaid, shall remain in the state treasury to be used in any subsequent

year, if needed, to carry out the purposes of said section. The remainder shall be paid by the state treasurer in December of each year to all the towns of the state in which the equalized valuation is less than $3000 for each child of the average attendance in the public schools of such towns during the school year next preceding, and such other towns as may be added, as hereinafter provided on the sworn statement of the superintendent of public instruction certifying as to what amount each town is entitled, in direct proportion to said average attendance, and in inverse proportion to the equalized valuation per child, and shall be used exclusively for the support of the public schools. The governor and council may, upon recommendation of the superintendent of public instruction, add to the class of towns specified above in this paragraph, such other towns as may seem from their peculiar conditions to need relief from too great a burden of school taxation.

Superintendent Folsom's first question was, "What will the town do with the money if they get it? If the town wants the money so as to cut down the sum usually raised for school purposes and so make taxes lower we do not propose to help you, but if the town will raise the same amount and if possible more each year, we will be glad to help those towns that will try to help themselves." He saw the great need of longer and better schools here and stated the case plainly before the governor and council, who, we are pleased to announce, have given us the desired aid and it now depends on us, as voters and parents, whether we receive this aid year after year or not.

By this award the town is not relieved in any degree of the legal necessity of raising money for the support of its schools. It is merely calculated to help the efforts of the town to advance its educational standard.

As the amount we get depends on the average attendance of the pupils, it is necessary that we must be more strict with truants.

The number of pupils this year was enough to make the valuation less than $3,000 per child, but the average attendance was not enough.

We ask all the towns-people to think over this matter and to help secure perfect attendance in our schools.

Some of the registers last year contained so many absent marks that they are a disgrace to the District. To correct this fault we must look chiefly to the parents for help, for by them is the child influenced.

We wish parents would have more interest in the schools and visit them. There are very few of them that ever go inside the schoolhouse and know nothing of the progress of the school, except as this one or that one expresses his likes or dislikes.

We have purchased new geographys and maps this year and hope to soon be able to exchange the readers, as the old ones are badly torn.

The returns of the truant officer give the number of children between the ages of five and sixteen as fifty, twenty boys and thirty girls.

Spring Term—Alice M. Tobine, Ina M. Wiser, Mary A. Woodman, Edith L. Pollard, Webster R. Morrison, Dorithy M. Dalton, Annie O. Goss, Nellie M. Goss, Cyrus E. Fletcher, Robert W. Gilpatric, Elmer J. Goss, Francis W. Clement, Carl W. Morrill, Charles H. Morrill, Clifford R. Morrill, Leslie H. Morrill, Bessie M. Morrill, Mattie A. Morrill, Carl W. Mitchell, Leon L. Mitchell, Harold H. Haney, Irma M. Nichols, Inez C. Nichols, Guy C. Nichols, Ned A. Nichols, Mary E. Nutting, Eva A. Morrill, Chester C. Morrill, Lettie E. Smith.

FALL TERM--Dorithy M. Dalton, Carl W. Morrill, Charles H. Morrill, Clifford R. Morrill, Leslie H. Morrill, Bessie M. Morrill, Mattie A. Morrill, Inez C. Nichols, Guy C. Nichols, Mary E. Nutting, Lena M. Mitchell, Harold H. Haney, Carl W. Mitchell, Zora Snow, Iola Snow, Chester Morrill, Eva Morrill, Roy Perkins, Helen Morrison, Webster Morrison, Fannie Morrison, Edith Pollard, Ina M. Wiser.

MYRTIE C. PALMER,
F. H. PERKINS,
S. IVANETTE GRAY,
} School Board.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Name of School	District Number	Name of Teacher	W ges per Month	Weeks of School	Scholars Registered	Average Attendance	Committee Visits	Citizen's Visits
			$					
Woodman	1	Edith M. Huckins	18.00	8	9	7	2	5
Morrison	2	M. Belle Mason	18.00	8	5	4	2	8
"	2	"	18.00	14	14	13	3	4
Dalton	3	Lena E. Patten	18.00	9	6	6	4	18
"	3	Anna A. Dalton	18.00	11	7	7	3	7
Clement	7	O. E. Kingsbury	19.00	10	10	9	3	9
"	7	"	20.00	9	8	7	2	8
Turnpike	8	Anna A. Dalton	22.00	9	12	9	2	18
"	8	Viola A. Hastings	20.00	11	9	8	4	17
Nichols	10	Edith Mitchell	16.00	10	8	8	2	11
"	10	Lena E. Patten	16.50	12	12	10	3	20

SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

CASH RECEIVED.

From town treasurer	$548 29
From former school treasurer	14 63
Tuition received	1 05
	$563 97

CASH PAID.

Edith Mitchell, teaching	$40 00
A. B. Dalton, board,	13 50
Flora Snow, cleaning schoolhouse	1 00
Charles Palmer, board	5 00
D. S. Batchelder, wood	4 00
Edith Huckins, teaching	27 00
J. H. Fogg, board	9 00
Belle Mason, teaching	24 00
D. P. Pollard, board	12 00
Lena Patten, teaching	27 00
Anna Dalton, teaching	31 50
O. E. Kingsbury, teaching	31 00
Clara Fifield, board	18 00
C. A. Palmer, board	9 00
A. B. Dalton, board	16 50
Anna Dalton, teaching	33 00
O. E. Kingsbury, teaching and board	55 00
D. P. Pollard, board	13 50
E. E. Ferrin, wood	2 38
Belle Mason, teaching	27 00

O. S. Gray, wood	$4 00
A. W. Nichols, wood	2 00
A. W. Nichols, board	12 00
Lena Patten, teaching	37 38
Viola Hastings, teaching	33 00
Frank Bailey, board	16 00
"	6 00
Belle Mason, teaching	15 00
D. P. Pollard, board	7 50
E. E. Ferrin, "	1 25
Norman Wiser, carrying scholars	21 00
Balance o hand	9 46
	$563 97

S. S. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. H. MARSTON, Auditor.

Births Registered in the Town of Bridgewater, for the Year ending, Dec. 31, 1900.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Child 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Father's Name.	Mother's Maiden Name.	Color.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Feb. 17	.....	M	Living ...	9	All White	Edwin D. Morrill..	Huldah M Barnard	All White	Bridgewater ...	Farmer	Bridgewater ...	Hebron	40	30
Mar. 26	.....	M	"	4		John H. Goss.....	Amelia B Persons.		"	"	Amesbury, Ms.	Orange	37	24
April 17	.....	F	"	1		W. T. Shaw.....	Eva Martell.....			Machinist	Tilton.....	Franklin.....	25	22
May 10	.....	M	"	5		Otis Knowles.....	Lucy Evens.....		Thornton.....	Laborer.	Thornton.....	Plymouth	26	29

Marriages Registered in the Town of Bridgewater, for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1900.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth	Name of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation of Parents.	1st, 2d, or 3d Marriage.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Apr. 30	.....	Homer S. Kelley...	Bridgewater .	26	All White	Farmer	Johnson, Vt.	George O. Kelley....	Berkshire, Vt..	Farmer		
	.....	Ida May Davis....	"	26		Housekeeper.	Lowell, Mass.	Jane S. Foster.....	Westfield, Vt..	Housewife ...	1	Rev J. F. Babb
								Charles Davis...	Warner	.....		
								Mary O. O'Neil.....	Lowell, Mass...	.....		Ashland
Sept. 19	.....	William F. Morrill.	"	28		Farmer	Bridgewater .	Samuel O. Morrill....	Bridgewater....	Farmer		
								Emily H Drew.....	Alexandria.....	Housewife ...	1	Rev. J. W. Savage
	.....	Lilla Maud Perkins	"	16		Housekeeper	N Hampton..	Frank H. Perkins....	Manchester ...	Farmer		
								Fannie Sanborn.....	Orange.....	Housewife ...		Bristol

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bridgewater, for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1900.

Date of Death.	Name.	Age. Years.	Age. Months.	Age. Days.	Place of Birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, Married, or Widowed.	Occupation.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Cause of Death.
Jan. 22	M. M. R. Mitchell.	82	3	10	Bridgewater .	M	All White	M	Farmer	Bridgewater ..	.....	Chas. Mitchell.....	Margaret Morse...	Old Age.....
23	Asa Drew.....	87	8	26	Bristol	M		W	.....	....	.....	Amos Drew.....	Gurdy.....	Heart Failure.....
Feb. 4	Noah C. Harris....	51	5	24	Holderness...	M		S	Farmer ...	Bridgewater ..	Holderness ...	Noah Harris.....	Mary J. Bowen....	Gastritis.....
June 1	Moses F. Morrill..	73	4	17	Bridgewater..	M		M	"	Candia	Brentwood....	Ordway Morrill....	Martha Fifield.....	Pneumonia.....
7	AbigailF Hammond	88	1	7	W Camb'ge Ms	F		W	.....	W Camb'ge Ms	.....	Stephen Frost.....	... .	Grip..... .....
July 17	Almira P. Huckins.	90	2	10	Bridgewater..	F		W	.....	Chester	Chester	Joseph Prescott....	Lydia Worthen ...	Dropsy.....
Nov. 8	Mary J. Mitchell..	80	7	2	Plymouth. ...	F		W	.....	....	....	Stephen Rogers....	Polly Brown.....	Aortic Aneurism...
10	Moses E. Flanders.	73	10	18	....	M		M	Farmer	.....	.....	Moses Flanders....	.....	CrebralHemorrhage

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. S. FIFIELD, TOWN CLERK.

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